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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A cooking utensil as claimed in claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the name of the operating mode displayed on the display portion is changed according to an operating state of the cooking utensil.

Please add new Claim 4 as follows: